

Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve

Volunteer Program



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NYSDEC Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve
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<http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html>

We Need Your Help!

If you have enthusiasm and an appreciation for nature, then you're just the type of person we need at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. It doesn't matter whether you are an amateur naturalist or just interested in the outdoors; we will provide all necessary training and supplies. We encourage seniors, retirees, college students, teens, scout groups and anyone else to become involved in our volunteer program and enjoy the opportunities we have to offer.

Benefits of Volunteering



- Chance to have fun in the outdoors.
- Annual dinner and awards ceremony.
- Volunteer only programs and gatherings.
- Pleasant natural setting.
- Eco-friendly Education Center

Thank you for your interest and if you have any questions, please call 716-683-5959 ext. 201. Visit our website for additional information at:
www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html

The Next Step

➔ Read the list of volunteer positions to choose from in this brochure.



Fill out the volunteer form, cut along the dotted lines, fold in half and seal. Then, affix stamp to the back and mail to Reinstein Woods.



Once we receive your volunteer form we will contact you to set up a time to meet and give you additional information about the volunteer position(s) you have chosen.

Greeters are needed to answer phones and visitor questions in the Education Center. Duties may include copying and folding brochures and helping with basic office needs. **Age requirement: 18 or older.**

Trail Stewards will help with trail clean-up by removing fallen branches, debris and litter on the trails. Attend trail clean-up days to rake and spread wood chips on trails as needed. Help with watering and weeding gardens and fill bird feeders. **Age requirement: All ages; if under 18 you must be accompanied by an adult.**

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Youth instructors are needed primarily to educate pre-kindergarten to 8th grade students primarily on weekdays in fall, winter and/or spring. Classes are taught outdoors on a variety of environmental topics. The emphasis is on developing an appreciation of nature through enjoyable, hands-on activities. Youth Instructors may also lead tours for boy and girl scout groups year-round. **Age requirement: 18 or older.**

Tour Guides are needed to lead tours for the general public and other organizations, on weekdays and weekends year-round. These tours are nature discovery walks, focusing on the resident wildlife and plants as well as Reinstein Woods history. **Age requirement: 18 or older.**

Assistant Naturalists accompany DEC staff and volunteer tour guides on public programs (weekdays and weekends). They assist by helping to locate wildlife, being responsible for equipment, help set up classrooms or supplies and making sure all participants are able to share fully in the tour or program. **Age requirement: 18 or older.**

Special Events

volunteers assist with one-time events throughout the year, such as the annual fall festival. They may help plan, prepare supplies and/or participate at the event. **Age requirement: All ages; if under 18 you must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**



Research Assistants assist with research projects at Reinstein Woods, such as Frogwatch USA, bird counts and vegetation surveys. Volunteers are provided with training and other materials to help carry out research. **Age requirement: All ages; if under 18 you must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

Outreach Assistants are needed to help increase public awareness and support of Reinstein Woods at local fairs, events and festivals. Activities may include distributing brochures and flyers, assisting with program preparation and promoting our programs. **Age requirement: 18 or older.**

Nature Photographers are needed to provide quality photos, digital images and video of resident wildlife and plants during all seasons. Provide photography during public programs and events at Reinstein Woods. We can only accept photographers who have experience in photography. **Age requirement: 18 or older.**

Volunteer Form
Please Print Clearly!

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZipCode _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please check if applicant is under 18 years of age.

Please indicate which position(s) you are interested in:

- Greeter
- Trail Steward
- Youth Instructor
- Tour Guide
- Assistant Naturalist
- Special Events
- Research Assistant
- Outreach Assistant
- Nature Photographer

Please indicate which days and times you are available to volunteer by placing a check in the appropriate box.

Day/Time	Mornings 8:30—12:30	Afternoons 12:30-4:30	Evenings 4:30-8:30
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

If your volunteer position chosen is for a high school project, community service hours, or a college course, please note here:

School/College: _____

Teacher: _____

of Hours Needed: _____

Need to complete by date: _____

Please list any special skills, hobbies or talents you feel you can offer as a volunteer:

Cut along dotted line